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1. A train of 14 boxcars, some of which were occupied by soldiers, and 12 flatcars with 9JS-3 tanks and an undetermined number of trucks passed through Neuruppin at 11:30 p.m. on 31 March 1951. The train came from the direction of Wittstock and proceeded toward Neubrandenburg.

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2. Tank shipments between 29 March and 12 April included one train from Schwepnitz to Riesa on 29 March; one train from Schwepnitz to Leisnig on 30 March; one train from Koenigsbrueck to Chemnitz and another train from Schwepnitz to Riesa on 31 March; one train from Schwepnitz to Leisnig and another train from Koenigsbrueck to Grimma on 11 April; one train from Schwepnitz to Chemnitz and another train from Schwepnitz to Riesa on 12 April. The dispatch of six to eight other trains with tank troops from Riesa to Schwepnitz was being prepared. (2)

3. Shipments which arrived in border between 2 and 5 April included four railroad cars carrying six special trailers with pneumatic tires dispatched by the Waggonbau Plant in Nordau, Saxony; two railroad cars with canned goods from Calbe (3); one railroad car with cigarettes and one railroad car with textiles dispatched by the Verband Deutscher Konsumgenossenschaften (Union of German Cooperative Stores) in Dresden and consigned to Petushkov on 12 April. (1)

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4. Shipments observed at the Erfurt freight yard included 14 railroad cars with trucks from Halle-Mechtorstedt and a troop train of 8 railroad cars with soldiers, 5 cars with 10 rocket launchers, 6 cars with motor vehicles, 8 cars with materiel and ammunition and 5 cars with field kitchens and tank trucks on 6 April. The train came from Halle-Mechtorstedt. (5)

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5. Shipments from Brest Litovsk

[redacted] between 9 and 11 April included:

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<u>Shipment</u>	<u>Destination and Date</u>
Thirty-two tank cars with fuel	Velten 9 April
Eight boxcars with military goods	Muellrose 9 April
Twenty-two flatcars with iron	Hilbersdorf 9 April
Thirty-two flatcars with iron	Hilbersdorf 10 April
Eleven boxcars with military goods	Frankfurt/Oder 10 April
Twelve boxcars with ammunition	Wulkow 10 April
Twenty-two crated airplanes and 6 boxcars with military goods	Finow 11 April
Fourteen tank cars with fuel	Velten 11 April
Sixteen flatcars with iron	Hilbersdorf 11 April

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6. The loading of 10 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and having baggage with them, and of an undetermined number of flatcars with eight 37-mm AA guns, 25 trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] was observed at the military ramp in Frankfurt/Oder on 10 April. (6)

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7. Daily Soviet leave traffic through Frankfurt/Oder averaged 350 soldiers going to Brest Litovsk and 380 soldiers coming from Brest Litovsk during the period from 9 to 11 April.

8. [redacted] a train of 1 gondola car, 2 boxcars, 4 R-type and 17 SS-type flatcars went from Loewenberg to Kremmen-Wustermark via Oranienburg on 10 April. The train was escorted by a few unarmed soldiers and carried 15 T-34 tanks, including tanks [redacted] two tow tanks, one repair shop truck, one radio truck, one field kitchen and several trucks [redacted] (7)

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9. [redacted] trains [redacted]

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[redacted] between 9 and 11 April:

<u>Shipment</u>	<u>From-To and Date</u>
Empty shuttle-train of 48 flatcars [redacted]	Berlin-Schoeneweide to Dobrilugk 9 April
Train of 36 boxcars with unknown cargo [redacted]	From direction of Falkenberg to Justerbog 9 April

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Empty shuttle-train
of 39 flatcarsNeustrelitz to Kuzen via Berlin
10 April

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Train of 11 boxcars and 25
flatcars with military goods;Frankfurt/Oder to Jueterbog-
Altes Lager
11 April (6)

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Train of 33 boxcars and 11
flatcars with ammunition;Altengrabow to Jueterbog-
Altes Lager
11 April

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10.

shipments

passed through Kuestrin between 6 and 12 April:

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Shipment	From-To and Date
Forty-four boxcars with grain	Brest Litovsk to Dresden 6 April
Forty-three boxcars with grain	Gerdauen toward Frankfurt/Oder 6 April
Forty-eight boxcars with grain	Gerdauen toward Frankfurt/Oder 7 April
One boxcar with ammunition	Jessen to Strausberg 8 April
One boxcar with military goods	Falkensee to Strausberg 8 April
Twenty-eight boxcars with unknown products;	Satzkorn eastbound 8 April
Forty-four boxcars with grain; shipment-	Gerdauen toward Frankfurt/Oder 10 April
Twenty-three boxcars with grain; shipment-	Gerdauen toward Werbig 11 April
Forty-eight boxcars with grain	Gerdauen toward Werbig 12 April
Forty-five boxcars with grain	Gerdauen toward Seddin 12 April

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11. Shipments

between 10 and 12 April included:

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<u>Shipment</u>	<u>From-To and Date</u>
Four boxcars with grain	Brest Litovsk to Berlin-Zentral- viehhof 10 April
Twenty-two boxcars with grain	Brest Litovsk to Berlin-Ost, harbor 10 April
Twenty-nine boxcars with grain	Brest Litovsk to Berlin-Ost, freight yard 10 April
One boxcar with refrigerators	Frankfurt/Oder to Jueterbog-Altes Lager 10 April
Three tank cars with military fuel	Brest Litovsk to Velten 10 April
Five boxcars with grain	Brest Litovsk to Rheinsberg 11 April
Eight boxcars with grain	Brest Litovsk to Lindow 11 April
Five boxcars with grain	Brest Litovsk to Neuruppin 11 April
Five boxcars with grain	Brest Litovsk to Altruppin 11 April
Nine boxcars with grain	Brest Litovsk to Wismar 11 April
Thirteen boxcars with grain	Brest Litovsk to Guben 11 April
Seventeen boxcars with grain	Brest Litovsk to Fuerstenberg 11 April
Nineteen boxcars with grain	Brest Litovsk to Berlin-Ost, harbor 11 April
Nine boxcars with grain	Brest Litovsk to Muensdorf 11 April
Ten boxcars with grain	Brest Litovsk to Teltow 11 April

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One boxcar with grain Brest Litovsk to Rummelsburg 11 April

One boxcar and one flatcar with field kitchens Frankfurt/Oder to unknown destination 12 April

Fifty-one boxcars with grain Brest Litovsk to Leipzig 12 April

Empty grain shuttle-train of 43 boxcars Gross Meringon to Brest Litovsk 12 April

Forty-six boxcars with uranium ore; Johann Georgenstadt to Brest Litovsk 12 April

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12. A troop train of seven boxcars occupied by soldiers and an undetermined number of flatcars with twelve 85-mm AA guns and 16 trucks was observed at the Jueterbog railroad station on 11 April. The train was headed toward Halle.

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13. The loading of an undetermined number of T-34 tanks, JS tanks and trucks, which came from the direction of the Panzer Kaserne, started at the Prenzlau railroad station at 4 a.m. on 13 April. The train was headed toward Berlin. The loading had not been completed by 6 p.m. (7)

Comments.

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- (1) the train carried components of the 1st Mecz Div, including the 72d Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt, returning to their home station of Doeberitz after a period of field training in the Wittstock training area. the units had left Doeberitz on 22 March.

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- (2) Motor vehicles of the 8th Gds Mecz Div and the 9th Tank Div were observed in road traffic around Koenigsbrueck throughout February and March 1951. The present report indicates that components of the two divisions returned to their home stations from Koenigsbrueck, having been loaded at the nearby railroad station of Schwepnitz. Chemnitz, Grimma and Leisnig are posts of the 8th Gds Mecz Div and Riesa a post of the 9th Tank Div. The movement probably of the 8th Gds Mecz Div, was confirmed

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six tanks of this unit were loaded in Grimma on 26 March. The present report indicates that this unit probably stayed at Koenigsbrueck until 10 April. The absence of most of the troops of the 9th Tank Div from the Von der Goltz Kaserne in Riesa, about 28 March, was probably linked with the shipments of tank troops who, according to the present report, returned to Riesa from Koenigsbrueck-Schwepnitz on 12 April, having completed their field training. However, it appears that units would move again to Koenigsbrueck in mid-April. A previous report mentioned rumors that troops from Riesa would be loaded for shipment to Koenigsbrueck beginning 15 April. The present report states that trains for the shipment of tank troops to Koenigsbrueck were being prepared.

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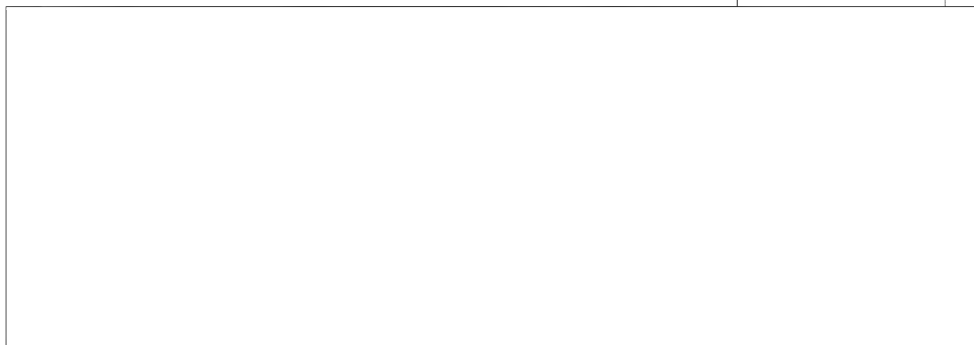
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- (6) [redacted] components of the unidentified AAA Div. possibly the 32d were loaded in Frankfurt/Oder on 10 April. [redacted] the train probably proceeded to Jueterbog. [redacted] 25X1
- (7) [redacted] the train carried a component of the 25th Tank Div coming from the area north of Oranienburg. Since other units of the same division were at Jueterbog between 10 and 20 March, it is believed that components of the 25th Tank Div again went to Jueterbog for field training in the beginning of April. [redacted] 25X1
- (8) [redacted] the unit was a component of the unidentified Army Brig, possibly the 4th from Jueterbog. The artillery pieces were probably mistaken for AA guns. Since the train was headed toward Halle, it may have gone to Thuringia. [redacted] 25X1

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